

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for distributing content comprising:
transmitting device for transferring said content;
media device for receiving said transferred content, said media device is
interfaced to said transmitting device, wherein said media device outputs said received
content;
receiver/playback device for receiving and reproducing said outputted content,
wherein said receiver/playback device is interfaced to said media device and said
outputted content is received from the media device.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device disallows the transfer of said content when said media
device detects an illegal or unauthorized device as said receiver/playback device.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said transmitting device disallows the transfer of said content when said
transmitting device detects an illegal or unauthorized device as said media device.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said content is transferred as encrypted information over a secured channel.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said transmitting device comprises one of a set-top, a recorder, and a set-top /
recorder combination.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device comprises one of a stationary storage device, a portable
storage device, a removable storage medium, storage within a mobile device, and a
secure digital card.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device being simultaneously interfaced with said transmitting device and said receiver/playback device.
8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device while not being interfaced with said receiver/playback device.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device being interfaced with said receiver/playback device while not being interfaced with said transmitting device.
10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device over a wireless network.
11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device over a wired network.